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DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Local Paragraphs Picked up by Pungent Pencil Pusher.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Keeney were here from Meadville Thursday.

W. S. Savage has been looking after some land deals in Kansas this week.

P. Z. White has rented D. G. Dick's residence and will move to town next week.

May Jones has been in the south part of the state on real estate business the past week.

Miss Kathryn Knifong, of Browning, was the guest of Miss Anna Lomax the past week.

License to wed has been granted to Noah B. Wilson and Miss Zona M. Agin, both of Laclede.

O. M. Hurlbut was over from Brookfield for a short visit with his mother Wednesday evening.

Dr. Kathryn Standly, of Brookfield, spent Wednesday at the home of her father, Dr. Z. T. Standly, in Laclede.

John Nelson, who bought the Willard place in the northeast part of town, moved his family here from Hale this week.

M. F. Clay, a stock buyer from Clarence, has been in Laclede this week with a view to locating here as soon as he can secure a residence. There is an opening here and we hope Mr. Clay will decide to come.

J. M. Henry, who accompanied C. S. Malhorn here from Iowa, returned home last Tuesday. Mr. Henry was well pleased with Missouri and called and ordered THE BLADE for a year that he may learn more concerning this splendid country.

Mrs. Osgood's health having greatly improved, she will resume her millinery business again this spring. Her trimmer is now in the wholesale houses getting the styles, and Mrs. Osgood expects to go to market soon and select a new spring stock.

Edgar F. Meredith, a young business man from Cowgill, has bought a half interest with E. J. Robison in the racket and jewelry store. The stock will be increased and moved to a larger room as soon as one can be secured. Mr. Meredith is a pleasant and enterprising young man, and we hope he will find it both pleasant and profitable here.

I am preparing to open my millinery rooms for the spring and summer seasons. Miss Holland is now trimming for the best wholesale house in Kansas City, and will be ready by March 15 to commence work. I will visit the market next week to buy the stock, and will have the very latest styles for my trade. Mrs. E. T. Osgood.

The Yellow Fever Germ

Has recently been discovered. It bears a close resemblance to the malaria germ. To free the system from disease germs, the most effective remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed to cure all diseases due to malaria poison and constipation. 25c at W. R. Barton's drug store.

A Healing Gospel.

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a God-send to mankind. It cured me of a lame back, stiff joints and complete physical collapse. I was so weak that it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong that I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at W. R. Barton's drug store. Price 50c.

From Over the County.

The Santa Fe is to equip a reading room for its employes at Marceline.

Machinery for making corn meal and grinding feed is soon to be installed in the Linneus mill.

John Hatch, born in England 89 years ago, died at his home near Browning last week. He had lived in that vicinity forty years.

Mrs. Flora Arnold returned last week to her home in Brookfield after spending several months with her sister, Mrs. Laura Kille, in Deming, New Mexico.

The old maids' convention that was to have been held at the church in Forker last Wednesday evening was postponed to next Tuesday evening, February 27.

A citizen of Browning claims to have seen a snake two feet long crawling around on the ground last week, and it is a question whether it was the result of the blind tiger or that new saloon.

The new officers of the Linn county log rolling association are: Senator E. B. Fields, president; J. M. Black, vice president; John Bolling, secretary; J. M. Thurlo, treasurer. The annual log rolling will be held at Browning this year.

The Marceline Journal announces that it has "cut out" all patent medicine advertisements and will henceforth confine its foreign "takes" to the National Biscuit company and the Keeley cure—two lines likely needed the most in Marceline.

Herbert S. Hadley, Missouri's brilliant and able attorney general, is making a record that is attracting wide attention. He is just the kind of a man and official that the people like and admire. There's no sham or selfish motives in the discharge of his duty. He is an honor to the state and a source of strength to the republican party that elected him.

James C. Crowley, of Ray county, has announced as a democratic candidate for the state senate from the eighth district. This opens up a fierce factional fight in the party in that district, and if the republicans will nominate Sam Clark, of Carrollton, a republican will represent the eighth district at the next session of the legislature.

Notice.

Pay your taxes at once, as the tax books must now be closed up and returned to the county court.

L. E. HAMILTON,
Township Collector.

Public Sale.

Having sold my farm, known as the Tamblin ranch, 4 miles west of Laclede, I will sell at public auction at said ranch, on Saturday, March 3, the following described property, to-wit: One draft team, 8 and 9, weight 2800; black horse 8 years old, 1200 lbs; black mare 9 years old, 1150 lbs; sorrel mare 8 years old, 1250 lbs; 70 tons of timothy hay in stack; 2 low wagons, 2 Smith farm wagons, 2 saddles, Jenkins hay stacker, 2 bull tongue rakes, sulky hay rake, 3 walking cultivators, 2 riding cultivators, 2 Jones mowers, 2 harrows, 3 walking breaking plows, 2 Diamond plows, 2 garden plows, spring wagon, top buggy Rock Island corn planter, 3 set work harness, set single harness, several set of work harness; feed mill; all my household and kitchen furniture and other articles too numerous to mention. Sale will begin at 10:30 a. m.

Terms: All sums under \$10, cash; on sums of \$10 and over a credit of nine months will be given, with six per cent interest from date. Purchaser to give note with approved security before property is removed. Two per cent off for cash on all sums over \$10.

J. D. ROBERTSON,
J. B. FLEMING, Auctioneer.
JOHN T. LOMAX, Clerk.

HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

For the benefit of our readers in foreign lands we mention the fact that the streets of Laclede are slightly muddy this week.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woods next Friday and serve lunch from 5 to 10. Everybody cordially invited.

Paul Jones, Paul Lomax and Miss Lena Barton have been selected to represent the Laclede high school in the debate with Marceline to be held in the Laclede opera house the evening of March 9.

A. McDonnell marketed a car of fat sheep and a car of hogs here Monday. Mr. McDonnell is one of the best feeders in this locality and his stuff always finds a ready market at the highest prices.

Conductor and Mrs. D. T. Edwards, of Marceline, Conductor and Mrs. E. B. McQuillen, of Burlington, H. G. Edwards, of Prosser, Neb., and Mrs. Hunt, of Texas, attended the funeral of County Clerk Edwards here yesterday.

J. D. Robertson is here from Kansas City this week arranging for his public sale to be held on the Tamblin ranch next Saturday, March 3, to begin at 10:30 a. m. At this sale 70 tons of timothy hay, all the household and kitchen furniture should be drawing features.

From the way it looks now, Hon. F. G. Ferris, of Moberly, will be the republican nominee for congress in this district. Mr. Ferris is an eloquent campaign orator and just the kind of a campaigner that would stir up the voters and bring them out on election day.

Wm. Fife and daughter, Mrs. Teters, left Tuesday to join Mr. Teters at their new home in Rock Island, Texas. Before leaving, Mr. Fife called and paid for THE BLADE a year to get the news from his old home, where he has made many friends during his ten years' residence here.

"His Father's Sin," by the Jed Carlton company, will be given at the Laclede opera house on Wednesday night, March 28. The company is composed of actors and actresses who have proven their right to the title by successful engagements with the best metropolitan stock companies, and carry a full equipment of beautiful scenery and are meeting with public approval at every engagement.

Last spring J. J. Wiles bought some seed corn of D. R. Graves, of Laclede, and sent it to his father, D. A. Wiles, in Page county, Iowa, who raised a field from it that averaged 92.33 bushels per acre. He entered some of it in a contest at the Page county experiment station, and out of the twenty samples submitted Mr. Wiles' corn stood first. It is now listed in the Iowa seed catalogues as Pride of Missouri. The products of Linn county always lead, and more especially if they come from the vicinity of Laclede.

There have been many changes in the voting population of Linn county since the last election. Those who moved in last spring will vote this fall, and it is none too early for the republican committeeman in each township to get busy and list all changes and ascertain the politics of each new voter. If this work is done, and done thoroughly, the party in the county will know at the opening of the campaign about where it is "at." This is to be an important campaign, as all county offices are to be filled, and the sooner the organization gets to work the better.

Some Evening Reveries.

The appeal for volunteers in the great battle of life, in exterminating ignorance and error and planting high on an everlasting foundation the banner of intelligence and right, is directed to every member of this department, would you but grant it audience. Let no cloud again darken your spirit or weight of sadness oppress your heart. Arouse ambition's smoldering fires. The laurel may even now be wreathed, destined to grace thy brow. Burst the trammels that impede thy progress, and cling to hope. The world frowned darkly upon all who have ever yet won fame's wreath, but on they toiled. Place high thy standard, and with a firm tread and fearless eye press steadily onward. Persevere and thou wilt surely reach it. Are there those who have watched unrewarded, through long, sorrowful years, for the dawning of a brighter tomorrow, when the weary soul should calmly rest? Hope's bright rays still illumine their dark pathways, and cheerfully yet they watch. Never despair! Faint not, though thy task be heavy, and victory is thine.

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The past year has been one of bloodshed and carnage. In all parts of Russia men, women and innocent children have been murdered by the tens of thousands, but yet christianity is advancing, is rolling on and it is going to warm the hearts of all nations and all nations will bask in its light. Men may shut the window blinds so they cannot see it, or they may smoke the pipe of speculation until they are shadowed under their own vaporing, but the white light of the gospel, made up of all the beautiful colors of earth and heaven, violet plucked from amid the spring grass, the indigo of the southern jungles, the blue of the skies, the green of the foliage and the yellow of the autumnal woods, the orange of the southern groves and the red of the sunsets, all the beauties of earth and heaven are combining to keep the ball of christianity rolling. Great Britain is going to lead all Europe to the foot of the cross; the United States is going to bring all America to God; these two great countries will combine and take Asia for God, and then the three with their combined strength will bring Africa into the fold and the world will be redeemed. The good homes of our land are the little yeast cakes that keep the moral influences working. Infidelity and atheism are receiving their death blow from clubs in the hands of the good mothers of our land.

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Only a few days ago I read how a kindly look and a tear of sympathy upon the face of a clergyman led to the conversion of a poor convict. Such kindness is easily bestowed, and yet how often it is withheld, even from those whose souls are yearning for our sympathy, those who know so little of gladness, but have tasted to the very dregs of life's bitter cup. Yes, if we would be truly happy, we must become so busy and interested in trying to lessen the suffering of others that we will forget our own misfortunes. As we journey through life, let us never hesitate to turn aside into the path of self-denial if duty calls us there, for there is always a blessing in duty, although it may often seem to interfere with pleasure. But whoever is truly noble and worthy will keep this principle uppermost in his mind. Let us do our duty while the years come and go, and although their loveliest season blooms but to fade again, let benevolence's pure flowers never fade from the path we tread and we may be sure that within our souls hope and contentment, if not actual joy, will ever bloom in all the freshness and beauty of glorious spring-time.

BEN EDWARDS PASSES AWAY.

The End Came Peacefully at His Home in Linneus Wednesday Morning.

After an uneven struggle of over five years against an incurable malady—enlargement of the spleen—Benjamin B. Edwards surrendered his life and, surrounded by loving family and friends, passed peacefully away at his home in Linneus last Wednesday morning, February 21, 1906. During his years of suffering everything known to medical science and a devoted wife and loving friends was done, but not even a check could be placed on the ravages of the disease.

He was conscious to the end and made all funeral arrangements, giving instructions and making requests, to even the smallest details. His kindly nature and appreciation of friendship was shown when a few hours before he died he had them call Laclede over the telephone and sent a farewell message to his many friends. Ben was jovial, good natured and a natural mixer among men, and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Deceased was a member of Garfield lodge Knights of Pythias of Brookfield and had a \$1000 policy in the endowment rank of that order, and was also a member of Laclede camp Modern Woodmen of America, in which he carried a \$2000 policy.

As a mark of respect the public school adjourned and the business houses closed yesterday during the funeral, which was one of the largest ever held in Laclede, there being present sorrowing friends from all parts of the county. The floral offerings were large and most beautiful, representing the kinfolk, the two lodges to which he belonged, the Laclede fishing club, the county officers and many individuals.

Benjamin B. Edwards was born in Laclede April 15, 1869, and with the exception of a few years, this place has always been his home. His business life began early. At the age of 15 he was appointed assistant postmaster under W. R. Barton. His strict attention to duty and rare business qualifications won for him the position of assistant postmaster at Carrollton, where he was universally popular and made for himself many friends. Later he was appointed to a place in the registry department of the Kansas City postoffice, which he held for a time, resigning to engage in business in Laclede, in which he continued till 1902, when he made the race on the democratic ticket and was elected county clerk, serving in that office at the time of his death. Although hampered by ill health, he was a good official and left a model record for fidelity to trust and duty well performed.

On May 23, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Daisy Presson, of Laclede. To them three children were born—Edmund, Jeane and Keal. The wife and two children survive him, Keal having died in infancy. Besides these, he leaves two brothers and a sister—D. T. Edwards, of Marceline; H. G. Edwards, of Prosser, Neb., and Mrs. E. B. McQuillen, of Burlington, all of whom were at his bedside when the dissolution came.

The remains were brought to Laclede Thursday afternoon and according to his request were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bigger. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Friday morning under the auspices of Garfield lodge Knights of Pythias of Brookfield, assisted by Laclede camp Modern Woodmen of America, Rev. Robison conducting the services. The remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the Laclede cemetery.